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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LOCATION OF ROBERT VESCO'S YACHT

1. DAVID BUTOWKSY, COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL COUNSEL (EQUIV-
ALENT TO RECEIVER) FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS CORPORATION
(VESCO'S ORIGINAL BASE CORPORATION IN THE U.S.) HAS INFORM-
ATION THAT THE JOYA OCEANA (FORMERLY THE PATRICIA III) MAY
BE OPERATING OUT OF PUERTO SOMOZA ON A CHARTER BASIS.
PATRICIA III PREVIOUSLY WAS TIED UP IN MIAMI UNDER A COURT
ORDER AND WAS SPIRITED OUT OF MIAMI SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN
VIOLATION OF THAT ORDER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OWNERSHIP OF
THE YACHT MAY BE TRACEABLE TO ROBERT VESCO AND IF SO IT
MIGHT BE HELD TO BE AN ASSET AVAILABLE TO CREDITORS OR
SHAREHOLDERS OF ICC.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CHECK DISCREETLY TO DETERMINE
WHETHER JOYA OCEANA IS, IN FACT, USING PUERTO SOMOZA AS
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HOME PORT (OR OPERATING PORT). CRAFT IS APPROXIMATELY

132 FEET LONG, ALUMINUM-HULLED, WITH SEVERAL DECKS, SWIMMING POOL. WHEN LAST SEEN IT WAS PAINTED WHITE, OPERATING UNDER PANAMANIAN REGISTRY, HAD A GLADES BUGGY AND TWO-MAN MINIATURE SUBMARINE ON FOREDECK. SALON OFF QUARTER DECK WAS UPHOLSTERED IN GREEN. STEPS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO

ALTER APPEARANCE, BUT IT IS REPORTED TO BE THE LARGEST ALUMINUM-HULLED VESSEL EVER BUILT.

3. IF PRESENCE OF VESSEL IS CONFIRMED, BUTOWSKY INTENDS TO SEEK AUTHORITY TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST IT IN NICARAGUA. TO THIS END HE HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING NAMES OF RESPONSIBLE NICARAGUAN ATTORNEYS, PREFERABLY WITH ADMIRALTY EXPERIENCE. ACCORDINGLY, IF EMBASSY DOES LOCATE VESSEL, PLEASE CABLE NAMES, BACKGROUNDS, OF ATTORNEYS BUTOWSKY MAY WISH TO CONTACT FOR THIS PURPOSE. SINCE OWNERS OF VESSEL UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE IT IS SUBJECT OF SEARCH, GREAT PAINS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID ANY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY EMBASSY OR POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN VESSEL AND EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN ADMIRALTY LAWYER. INGERSOLL

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